

## Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

### FY2012/13 Capital Program

### PROPOSED Projects – 2011 Legislature

#### Parks Program

- **Description:** This project will rehabilitate existing facilities, infrastructure, and roads at State Park sites.
- **Funding:** 02273 Boat Fee in Lieu of Tax: 0.16% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated to FWP and used to improve regional boating facilities under the control of the department. (Sec.15-1-122(2c), MCA and Sec. 23-2-533, MCA). 02274 Bed Tax: Revenue source is 6.50% of the total bed tax and used for the maintenance of facilities in state parks. (Sec. 15-65-121, MCA). 02411 State Parks Earmarked Revenue: Revenue sources are entry fees (non-resident only) and camping fees collected at State Parks, other miscellaneous revenue, cabin site rentals, concessionaire payments, and a \$4 light vehicle registration fee to support Parks, Fishing Access Sites and Virginia City/Nevada City. (\$3.50 to State Parks, \$0.25 to FAS (Fund 02558) and \$0.25 to Virginia City/Nevada City.) Residents may 'opt out' and not pay fee if they do not plan to use State Parks. Also 0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated to FWP. Of this amount, 48.3% replaces the \$3.50 RV fee and is used to support the general operations of the state park system. (Sec.15-1-122, MCA) (Sec. 23-1-105,61-3-321(18)(b), and 61-3-512 MCA). 02422 Highway Fuel Tax: Used to support road work within state parks. 03097 Federal Dingell/Johnson (DJ): Funding is from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants. Used to support areas of various fish (DJ) and wildlife (PR) management related projects. PR funds are from manufacturers' federal excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. DJ monies are from federal excise taxes on fishing gear. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA)

#### Habitat Montana

- **Description:** The purpose of this project is to acquire wildlife habitat via easement, lease, or fee title.
- **Funding:** 02114 Wildlife Habitat Acquisition: Revenue sources are a portion of the nonresident big game and deer combination, antelope, moose, goat, sheep, lion, black bear, turkey, and resident sportsman licenses. Used for the acquisition, lease, or easement of wildlife habitat. HB 79 ('05 Session) made Habitat Montana Program permanent. (Section 87-1-242, MCA). 02559 Mule Deer Auction Account: Revenue source is the annual auction or lottery of one mule deer license. Used for mule deer related research, management, and habitat improvement. (Sec. 87-2-811, MCA). 03408 State Wildlife Grants: Used to account for funds received from the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service through the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program. Funds must be used on projects involving species of special concern and their associated habitats.

#### Future Fisheries

- **Description:** This project provides funding for statewide fish Habitat restoration projects.
- **Funding:** 02022 Bull and Cutthroat Trout Enhancement: HB 647 (99 Session) directed FWP to spend \$500,000 per year from the RIT fund on bull and cutthroat trout enhancement projects. 02149 River Restoration Account: Revenue sources are \$0.50 from each resident fishing and

sportsman license and \$1.00 from each nonresident season fishing license. Used for projects that will improve rivers and their associated lands for the purpose of conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat. (Sections 87-1-257 - 259, MCA)

#### **Fishing Access Site Protection**

- Description: This project will provide for the installation and rehabilitation of basic facilities at fishing access sites (FAS).
- Funding: 02273 Boat Fee in Lieu of Tax: 0.16% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated to FWP and used to improve regional boating facilities under the control of the department. (Sec.15-1-122(2c), MCA and Sec. 23-2-533, MCA). 02409 General License Account: Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), miscellaneous permit sales, MONTANA OUTDOOR subscription sales, FAS camping fees, and other miscellaneous revenue and is used to support various programs of the department that benefit sportsmen/women. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA). 03097 Federal Dingell/Johnson (DJ): Funding is from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants. Used to support areas of various fish (DJ) and wildlife (PR) management related projects. PR funds are from manufacturers' federal excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. DJ monies are from federal excise taxes on fishing gear. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA).

#### **Upland Game Bird Program**

- Description: This program provides landowners with funding to restore/establish habitat and also implements the mandatory pheasant release program.
- Funding: 02113 Upland Game Bird Enhancement: Revenue sources are a portion of the nonresident bird license, nonresident big game combination license, resident bird license, and the resident sportsman licenses and are used to preserve and enhance upland game bird habitat. (Sections 87-1-246 - 249, MCA). 02687 Upland Game Bird Planting: Revenue sources are a portion of the nonresident bird license, nonresident big game combination license, resident bird license, and the resident sportsman licenses and are used to release birds into the field. Of the funds collected for upland game bird releases, 25% must be spent each year. (Sections 87-1-246 - 249, MCA).

#### **Hatchery Maintenance**

- Description: This project will provide funding for the timely repair and preventive maintenance at state hatcheries across the state.
- Funding: 02409 General License Account: Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), miscellaneous permit sales, MONTANA OUTDOOR subscription sales, FAS camping fees, and other miscellaneous revenue and is used to support various programs of the department that benefit sportsmen/women. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA). 03097 Federal Dingell/Johnson (DJ): Funding is from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants. Used to support areas of various fish (DJ) and wildlife (PR) management related projects. PR funds are from manufacturers' federal excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. DJ monies are from federal excise taxes on fishing gear. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA).

#### **Administrative Facilities and Repair**

- Description: This project addresses ongoing maintenance and repair at administrative sites to protect them from deterioration.
- Funding: 02409 General License Account: Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), miscellaneous permit sales, MONTANA OUTDOOR subscription sales, FAS camping fees, and other miscellaneous revenue and is used to support various programs of the department that benefit sportsmen/women. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA). 02410 Real Property Property Trust Account: Revenue source is the interest earned on deposits in the Real Property Trust Account (See Fund 09002) and is used to support the operation, development and maintenance of the department's real property. (Sec. 87-1-601(5), MCA).

#### **Grant Programs /Federal Projects**

- Description: This project includes the Off-Highway Vehicle grants, Recreational Trails Program grants, and Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.
- Funding: 02213 Off-Highway Vehicle Fuel Tax: Revenue source is 1/8 of 1% of the state gasoline dealers' license tax. Ninety percent of the revenue must be used to develop and maintain facilities open to the public at no admission cost. Up to 10% of the 90% is used to repair areas that are damaged by off-highway vehicles. Ten percent is used to promote off-highway vehicle safety. (Section 60-3-201 (1c) and (6), MCA). 02239 Off Highway Vehicle Decal: 0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue is allocated to FWP. Of this amount, 16.7% is for the development and implementation of an off-highway vehicle recreation program. Another source of revenue is \$2.75 of each \$5.00 nonresident OHV decal (\$1.75 to fund 02115 and \$0.50 to fund 02409)(Sec.15-1-122(2c), MCA). 03098 State Parks Federal and Private Revenue: Funding is primarily from the Federal Department of Transportation and is used to develop and maintain various recreational trails within the state. (Sec. 23-1-102 and 23-1-103, MCA). 03406 Land and Water Conservation Fund: This account is used for funds received from the federal government for the Land and Water Conservation Fund program and includes both the grant program for cities and counties and the portion spent by DFWP.

#### **Milltown Dam Park Improvements**

- Description: The Milltown Dam project will develop a state park at the dam removal and clean-up site east of Missoula.
- Funding: 02051 Grants and Contracts: Used to account for funds received from other state agencies. 03098 State Parks Federal and Private Revenue: Funding is primarily from the Federal Department of Transportation and is used to develop and maintain various recreational trails within the state. (Sec. 23-1-102 and 23-1-103, MCA).

#### **Wildlife Habitat Maintenance**

- Description: This project provides funding to maintain Wildlife Management Areas in accordance with state requirements.
- Funding: 02469 Wildlife Habitat Trust Interest/Operations and Maintenance: Revenue source is the interest earned on deposits in the Wildlife Habitat Trust Account (Fund 09006). Beginning March 1, 1991, up to fifty percent of the money deposited in Fund 09006 may be deposited directly into this account for development and maintenance of real property used for wildlife habitat. Used for the development and maintenance of property managed for wildlife habitat

(See related Fund 02114 and Fund 09006). HB 79 (05 Session) made the Habitat Montana Program permanent. (Sec. 87-1-242, MCA).

#### **Dam Maintenance**

- Description: This project will provide funding for the repair of department owned dams.
- Funding: 02409 General License Account: Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), miscellaneous permit sales, MONTANA OUTDOOR subscription sales, FAS camping fees, and other miscellaneous revenue and is used to support various programs of the department that benefit sportsmen/women. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA).

#### **Smith River Corridor Enhancement**

- Description: This project addresses the Smith River Corridor and the associated funding of the earmarked Corridor Enhancement Account.
- Funding: 02171 Smith River Corridor: Revenue source is \$50 of each outfitter client fee and 5% of all other launch fees. Used specifically for the enhancement of the Smith River Corridor. (Section 23-2-409, MCA - HB312 '05 Session).

#### **Waterfowl Program**

- Description: This project provides for the protection and enhancement of wetland habitat.
- Funding: 02085 Waterfowl Stamp Account: Revenue sources are from the sale of stamps and related artwork for waterfowl. Used for the protection, conservation and development of the wetlands in Montana. (Sections 87-2-411, MCA)

#### **Community Fishing Ponds**

- Description: This project will provide funds for the development of community fishing ponds and promote our efforts for family fishing adventures.
- Funding: 02409 General License Account: Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), miscellaneous permit sales, MONTANA OUTDOOR subscription sales, FAS camping fees, and other miscellaneous revenue and is used to support various programs of the department that benefit sportsmen/women. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA).

#### **Fishing Access Site Acquisition**

- Description: This program provides funding which enables the department to acquire interest in lands for angler access to public waterways.
- Funding: 02415 Fishing Access Site Acquisition: Revenue sources are \$1.00 of each resident fishing license, \$1.00 of each nonresident 2-day license, \$1.75 of each nonresident 10-day license, \$0.50 of each resident two day fishing license, and \$5.00 of each nonresident season fishing license. Starting in FY08, twenty five percent (used to be fifty percent) of the revenue is for acquisition of fishing access sites. The other seventy five percent (used to be fifty percent) is for operation, development, and maintenance of fishing access sites (maintenance activity recorded in Fund 02333).(Sec. 87-1-605, MCA)

#### **Bighorn Sheep Habitat**

- Description: The purpose of this project is to protect mountain sheep habitat through acquisition of interest in land either by easement, lease, or fee title.
- Funding: 02086 Mountain Sheep Account: Revenue source is the annual auction of one male mountain sheep license and is used for mountain sheep related research, management, and habitat improvement. (Section 87-2-722, MCA).

#### **Home To Hunt Access**

- Description: This project addresses hunting access to public lands through private lands by easement, leases, or fee title.
- Funding: 02459 Hunter Access Acquisitions: Revenue source is the sale of nonresident big game combination and nonresident deer combination licenses to adult nonresident family members of residents who meet specific qualifications and is used to acquire public hunting access to inaccessible public land. Sunsets March 1, 2014 - HB 585 '09 session (Sec. 87-2-526, MCA).